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FROM MOYNIHAN FOR LORD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC

1. IF A COPY OF CURRENT DRAFT OF MILWAUKEE SPEECH WERE TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO GENEVA, I MIGHT BE OF SOME HELP IN GOING OVER IT. I RETURN ON THE TWELFTH, WHICH WOULD BE LATE TO BE OF ANY REAL ASSISTANCE AT THAT POINT.

2. THE CURRENT ECOSOC MEETING, WHICH PRECEEDS AND PRESUMABLY ANTICIPATES THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER, HAS OPENED ON A CONCILIATORY NOTE. SOMEBODY HAS BEEN READING THE SECRETARY'S SPEECHES IN KANSAS CITY AND AT THE OECD. ALSO COMMENTARY. ALL REFERRED TO AND RECAPITULATED IN A POSITIVE, EVEN WELCOMING MANNER IN THE OPENING ADDRESS OF THE ECOSOC PRESIDENT, A PAKISTANI. THERE IS SURELY A DISPOSITION TO SEE HOW MUCH WE MEAN OF WHAT WE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SAYING, AND IT IS ASSUMED THE MILWAUKEE SPEECH WILL HAVE SOME SPECIFICS, IF INDEED WE ARE EVER TO COME FORWARD WITH ANY. (THIS INVOLVES A PROCEDURAL POINT OF SORTS WHICH I GATHER THE CAREER SERVICE IS NERVOUS ABOUT EXPLAINING TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR. EVIDENTLY THE GROUP OF SEVENTY SEVEN AND SUCH WILL NOT DISCUSS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS WHICH ARE NOT SOMEHOW

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MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN ADVANCE. OR SO IT IS SAID. I

HAVE NO FINAL JUDGEMENT OF MY OWN AT THIS POINT, BUT  
CLEARLY THE QUESTION HAS SOME BEARING ON THE WELL KNOWN  
ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.)

3. ON DISTINCT IMPRESSION. THE EUROPEANS ARE FAR AHEAD  
OF US IN THEIR PLANS FOR DEALING WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, SPEAKING FOR THE COMMUNITY, GAVE  
A MAJOR ADDRESS IN LONDON ON JULY ONE. HE PROPOSED  
PRICE UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS WHICH WOULD  
PROTECT THE PURCHASING POWER OF THEIR EARNINGS; AGREEMENTS  
ON THE STABILIZATION OF THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF THE  
POOREST COUNTRIES AND ON THE WIDER AND MORE EFFECTIVE  
USE OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS; THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRI-  
ALIZATION IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD; LIBERALIZATION OF  
TRADE TO GIVE SPECIAL WEIGHT TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS  
OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND AN INCREASE IN AID,  
ESPECIALLY FOOD AID. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE HAVE  
GOT TO BEGIN TRACKING WITH THEM AND SIMULTANEOUSLY  
PASSING THE WORD IN WASHINGTON THAT UNLESS WE GET  
ORGANIZED TO BE CONCRETE AND POSITIVE OURSELVES, IF  
ONLY AS AN EXERCISE IN CUTTING OUR LOSSES, WE ARE  
LIKELY IN THE FALL TO FIND OURSELVES VERY MUCH ALONE,  
WHOLLY AT A DISADVANTAGE, AND ALTOGETHER UNRECOGNIZABLE  
AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD.  
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